I am writing to beg you to oppose HB 5263 an Act Concerning the Processing of Rabbits for Consumption..

I am actually horrified that Conn is even considering any support at all for the consumption of rabbits. Rabbits are the 3rd most popular pet in America and as a rabbit owner myself I can testify to their intelligence, cute personalities, and sweet dispositions. Raising them for food would be cruel and inhumane just as it would be to raise dogs or cats for food and I do not want my tax dollars supporting such unnecessary cruelty. As a physician I can also attest to he fact that the healthiest diets would actually be ones containing no meat at all so why should the state help support the meat industry? Even if eating meat, that meat should not be from rabbits because knowing rabbits the way I do I can tell you for certain that rabbits raised for consumption would suffer greatly and there would be absolutely no way to humanely raise them for food. Laws are being passed all around the world to no longer use them for cosmetic testing or for fur on clothing etc and to now support using them for food would be a tragic giant step backward.

Please do the only humane and the most healthy thing by Opposing HB 5263.

Thank you for listening.

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